

S. 1793, THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. This program is a last resort in providing life-saving care to the more than 500,000 Americans currently living with HIV/AIDS. Named after Ryan White, who courageously fought this illness and helped bring to the forefront a national dialogue about HIV/AIDS, this program helps the most vulnerable receive the treatment and support they need to maintain a high quality of life. While we race to find a cure, the Ryan White Act provides access to doctors, drugs, counseling and the care many people living with HIV/AIDS would otherwise not receive.

In my home State of Connecticut, there are over 10,000 reported cases of people living with HIV/AIDS. A disproportionate amount of these cases occur in low-income areas of the State where people are less likely to have the ability to access HIV/AIDS treatment. In Hartford alone, the largest city in my district, there are over 2,000 reported cases. For many of my constituents, the Ryan White Act is vitally important.

Because of the Ryan White Act, the most vulnerable of those living with HIV/AIDS have access to important services like housing, food, substance abuse treatment, and medical care that are shown to help people make safe choices and live constructive lives. Of those that are served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program, 33 percent do not have health insurance and 56 percent are underinsured. In a country with as much wealth and advances in medical technology as ours, it would be unconscionable to allow the most vulnerable to go without essential care. This legislation is a clear example of action we can take that will truly make a positive difference. I am proud to support the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, which will bring hope to so many lives.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individ-

uals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony will be held on November 11, 2009, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition:

Robert Wayne Archer, Vincent O. Arellano, Linzy Ray Banks, Frank L. Bernich, Charles E. Billups, Floyd J. Birch, Camillo Razo Calderon, Arthur A. Carvalho, Leon Chagolla, James Franklin Colvin, Harry W. Cutting, Raymond Ortiz Guerrero, Eugene B. Guilbert, Sr., Richard Louis Haller, Charles R. Hazen, Jr., Randall N. Klauk, Rodney Scott Lloyd, Robert Magan, Salvador Soria Murillo, Ronald Edward Pearson, Harry Peterson, Hubert Pierce, Si Porter, Edward A. Sandoval, Harold E. Six, Sr., Garey Dale Smith, Jerry E. Tidwell, Roger Jay Williams, and Eldon Ray Wilson.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all the above individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

CONGRATULATING ST. LUKE'S QUAKERTOWN HOSPITAL

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Edward Nawrocki, Richard Anderson, and all of the hardworking staff of St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital on their achievements as part of the Premier healthcare alliance's groundbreaking QUEST: High-Performing Hospitals collaborative.

St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital has been recognized as one of the 32 national hospitals to reach the top levels of performance in the areas preventing mortality, reducing costs, and improving the delivery of evidence-based care delivery. In reaching this level of performance, they are truly putting patients first and setting the standard for clinical excellence.

St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital is helping improve the quality care not only in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, but nationwide. As a group, QUEST hospitals across the country have saved over 8,000 lives, reduced costs by

\$577 million, and provided 24,818 additional patients with all evidence-based appropriate care. According to an analysis of these Year 1 results, if all hospitals were to achieve the improvements found among the QUEST participants, they could save an estimated 52,760 lives and \$1.16 billion in costs. In addition, 27,771 more patients could receive all recommended care.

I am pleased that the residents of my district are being served by a top-performing hospital and congratulate them on their outstanding accomplishments in improving patient care.

TRIBUTE TO THE JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND, THE MARCHING SOUTHERNERS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the actions of the Jacksonville State University Marching Band, the Marching Southerners.

During halftime of every football game this season, the Marching Southerners, under the direction of Kenneth Bodiford, the Director of Bands, perform a patriotic musical and visual tribute to our veterans, entitled "Of Thee I Sing". The performance is a special presentation to all veterans in honor of the many sacrifices that our brave men and women make during time of war.

The Marching Southerners first took to the field in the fall of 1956 and have been defining the future of marching band ever since. Comprised of students from all over our great nation, the Southerners perform for thousands each season—sending chills up the spine and tears down the face.

With class and excellence, the Southerners extend "The friendliest campus in the South" wherever they go, both on and off the field.

I commend the Marching Southerners and the community that supports them for producing and performing such a show. I wish them success in all their future endeavors and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our fellow patriots.